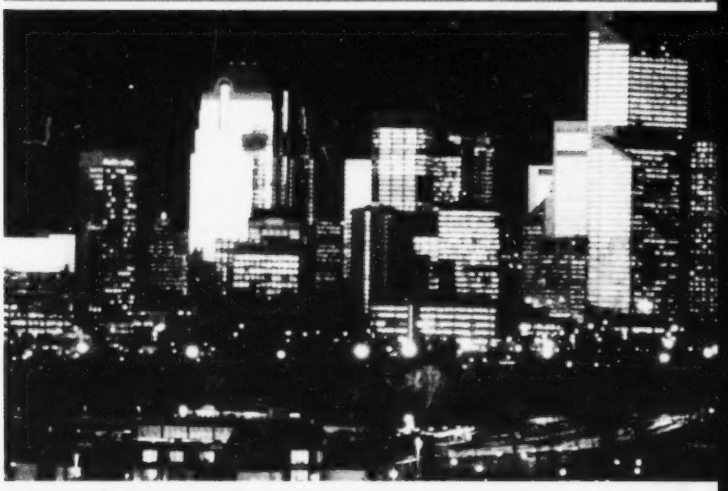

September 2008

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Alberta's International Merchandise Exports
January – June 2008
Highlights

Overview

In the first half of 2008, the value of Alberta's international goods exports grew by 30.8% from the same period in 2007, to a record high $52.9 billion. This increase can be attributed to both higher prices, especially of energy commodities (such as crude oil and natural gas) and crops (such as wheat and barley), and higher overall volumes (up about 3%). In the second quarter of 2008, exports grew by 35.5% from the same period in 2007 to a record $27.0 billion.

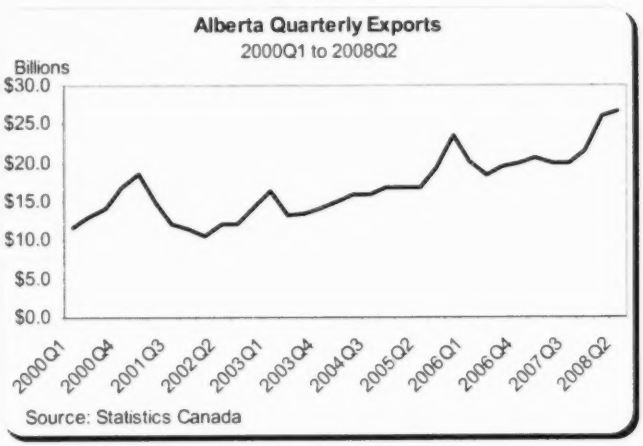
Major Commodities

On a year-to-date basis, exports of sulphur increased to more than six times its value from a year ago to just over $1 billion: volumes increased by 11.8% while prices increased to more than five times their value a year ago. Crude oil, natural gas and propane rose 66.0%, 11.4% and 43.5%, respectively, mainly due to higher prices but also because of increased volumes. Wheat and durum wheat advanced on higher prices, while barley and canola advanced on both higher prices and volumes. Boring and sinking machinery, mostly used on the oil and gas fields, rose by nearly one-third on higher volumes. Exports of nickel and live cattle declined due to lower prices while exports of frozen pork fell on lower volume. Lumber exports fell due to both lower prices and volumes.

Exports by Industry

From January to June of 2008, the value of mining and energy exports rose 41.3% as compared to the same period last year. Increases for sulphur, crude oil and gas liquids drove the increase in the mining and energy sector. Exports of primary agricultural commodities rose by 47.9%: a 17.8% reduction in livestock exports was more than offset by a 67.2% rise in crop exports. Manufacturing exports increased 3.0% over the same period, driven by large increases in plastics (up 30.2%) and machinery (up 21.5%). Sizeable declines were registered for exports of wood products (down 44.2%), computer and electronic products (down 19.2%) and primary metals (down 14.6%).

Exports by Country



In the first half of 2008, Alberta more than quintupled its exports to Brazil and Saudi Arabia and quadrupled its exports to Kazakhstan. Aside from declines in exports to the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Belgium, sizeable gains were noted for exports to Alberta's top 15 markets. The largest gains were noted for Brazil (up 420.4% as a result of increases in sulphur and wheat), Saudi Arabia (up 411.2% - barley and frozen potatoes) and Australia (up 194.0% - sulphur and wood pulp). The U.S., China, and Japan maintained their positions as the top three export destinations for Alberta. As a result of large gains in the export of crude oil, natural gas and gas liquids, exports to the U.S. rose by 30.7%. Ethylene glycol, sulphur and nickel were the main drivers behind the 45.2% increase in exports to China. The 34.0% expansion in exports to Japan was a result of a rise in exports of canola, coal and cobalt.

ALBERTA'S INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO TOP 50 COUNTRIES/MARKETS

	Second Quarter			January to June		
Countries/Markets	**2007 ($ '000)**	**2008 ($ '000)**	**% Change**	**2007 ($ '000)**	**2008 ($ '000)**	**% Change**
United States	17,133,206	23,299,186	36.0%	35,160,310	45,954,439	30.7%
China	670,381	995,027	48.4%	1,335,125	1,939,201	45.2%
Japan	389,238	567,159	45.7%	756,673	1,013,955	34.0%
Mexico	193,168	252,704	30.8%	332,843	442,022	32.8%
Korea, South	129,665	124,214	-4.2%	230,906	242,511	5.0%
Brazil	30,210	199,287	559.7%	45,909	238,900	420.4%
Australia	33,208	132,547	299.1%	71,828	211,158	194.0%
Indonesia	44,697	100,664	125.2%	85,325	177,624	108.2%
Netherlands	180,670	83,225	-53.9%	297,332	160,663	-46.0%
Taiwan	75,732	69,090	-8.8%	125,368	138,783	10.7%
United Kingdom	52,890	61,439	16.2%	116,171	112,367	-3.3%
Singapore	41,977	43,807	4.4%	79,081	112,279	42.0%
Saudi Arabia	10,083	56,099	456.4%	19,759	101,002	411.2%
Belgium	70,657	34,814	-50.7%	133,578	95,831	-28.3%
United Arab Emirates	31,209	32,948	5.6%	66,576	94,190	41.5%
Russia	66,640	36,279	-45.6%	103,585	92,266	-10.9%
Pakistan	11,174	6,399	-42.7%	64,695	89,963	39.1%
Algeria	23,554	47,515	101.7%	50,363	87,259	73.3%
Italy	73,667	42,382	-42.5%	115,189	84,590	-26.6%
Malaysia	15,359	27,058	76.2%	36,510	81,709	123.8%
Sri Lanka	18,774	40,617	116.3%	38,171	77,274	102.4%
South Africa	27,295	41,844	53.3%	44,890	75,790	68.8%
Kazakhstan	9,383	22,675	141.7%	18,286	73,306	300.9%
Venezuela	25,499	35,784	40.3%	56,079	58,985	5.2%
Chile	14,900	43,352	191.0%	28,178	56,026	98.8%
Hong Kong	35,112	28,471	-18.9%	60,944	55,158	-9.5%
Cuba	26,556	38,883	46.4%	45,736	54,205	18.5%
Thailand	18,139	26,473	45.9%	43,228	50,115	15.9%
Iraq	31,529	39,596	25.6%	62,040	48,203	-22.3%
France	20,275	23,269	14.8%	45,618	47,052	3.1%
Philippines	25,978	23,487	-9.6%	37,182	45,066	21.2%
New Zealand	10,553	27,355	159.2%	18,280	44,795	145.1%
Colombia	15,078	24,222	60.6%	32,470	44,047	35.7%
India	11,734	22,630	92.9%	30,168	41,691	38.2%
Sudan	27,794	23,937	-13.9%	41,636	40,760	-2.1%
Peru	15,227	19,342	27.0%	25,106	38,314	52.6%
Germany	31,144	16,947	-45.6%	81,239	36,780	-54.7%
Vietnam	21,306	21,773	2.2%	34,665	35,718	3.0%
Egypt	5,941	18,202	206.4%	14,261	32,948	131.0%
Bangladesh	22,769	11,548	-49.3%	34,759	30,473	-12.3%
Jamaica	7,655	15,434	101.6%	16,265	26,822	64.9%
Ecuador	10,294	4,473	-56.6%	26,089	25,135	-3.7%
Libya	9,831	11,358	15.5%	12,949	24,239	87.2%
Morocco	4,604	9,170	99.2%	8,467	23,216	174.2%
Switzerland	8,062	11,841	46.9%	14,284	22,230	55.6%
Argentina	9,165	12,140	32.5%	18,305	21,168	15.6%
Ghana	5,700	13,602	138.6%	6,216	21,145	240.2%
Spain	24,402	8,437	-65.4%	44,015	20,779	-52.8%
Turkey	4,660	6,691	43.6%	6,983	19,526	179.6%
Norway	8,677	10,429	20.2%	14,939	18,652	24.9%
All Other Countries	150,622	154,326	2.5%	276,290	257,238	-6.9%
Total Exports	**19,936,042**	**27,020,148**	**35.5%**	**40,464,862**	**52,937,566**	**30.8%**

ALBERTA EXPORTS TO ALL MARKETS BY INDUSTRY

EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY	Second Quarter			January to June		
	2006 ($ '000)	2007 ($ '000)	% Change	2007 ($ '000)	2008 ($ '000)	% Change
Primary Agriculture	**886,457**	**1,370,738**	**54.6%**	**1,787,026**	**2,642,762**	**47.9%**
Crops	721,300	1,237,825	71.6%	1,380,744	2,308,812	67.2%
Livestock	165,157	132,913	-19.5%	406,281	333,951	-17.8%
Primary Forestry, Fishing & Trapping	**981**	**969**	**-1.3%**	**1,882**	**1,908**	**1.4%**
Mining & Energy	**13,242,451**	**19,464,647**	**47.0%**	**27,215,951**	**38,466,182**	**41.3%**
Crude Oil*	6,641,077	11,556,316	74.0%	12,895,884	21,398,570	65.9%
Natural Gas & Natural Gas Liquids	6,369,463	7,044,791	10.6%	13,934,802	15,733,158	12.9%
Sulphur	95,420	682,071	614.8%	157,296	1,012,150	543.5%
Coal	114,192	125,469	9.9%	189,878	242,530	27.7%
Other Mining & Energy	22,299	56,001	151.1%	38,091	79,775	109.4%
Manufacturing	**5,583,627**	**5,930,060**	**6.2%**	**11,035,356**	**11,371,524**	**3.0%**
Chemicals	1,703,700	1,933,038	13.5%	3,479,962	3,871,261	11.2%
Food, Feed & Beverage	732,007	827,158	13.0%	1,450,853	1,544,120	6.4%
Machinery	668,952	806,410	20.5%	1,256,979	1,526,931	21.5%
Primary Metal Products	687,846	599,415	-12.9%	1,255,354	1,072,385	-14.6%
Paper Products & Wood Pulp	347,855	418,620	20.3%	711,864	792,155	11.3%
Petroleum & Coal Products	338,572	394,053	16.4%	607,892	694,722	14.3%
Computer & Electronic Products	256,380	221,733	-13.5%	599,023	484,248	-19.2%
Fabricated Metal Products	195,820	174,154	-11.1%	391,195	348,528	-10.9%
Wood Products	261,664	153,715	-41.3%	498,262	277,937	-44.2%
Transportation Equipment	140,949	134,032	-4.9%	287,299	254,111	-11.6%
Plastics & Rubber Products	53,970	67,903	25.8%	103,900	135,314	30.2%
Electrical Equipment, App. & Comp.	72,889	67,195	-7.8%	128,846	120,205	-6.7%
Furniture & Related Products	50,123	46,809	-6.6%	105,629	93,719	-11.3%
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	27,068	29,556	9.2%	59,644	54,774	-8.2%
Other Manufacturing	45,833	56,269	22.8%	98,655	101,114	2.5%
Other Exports	**222,525**	**253,734**	**14.0%**	**424,647**	**455,190**	**7.2%**
TOTAL	**19,936,042**	**27,020,148**	**35.5%**	**40,464,862**	**52,937,566**	**30.8%**

ALBERTA'S TOP 50 COMMODITY EXPORTS TO THE WORLD

Commodities	Second Quarter			January to June		
	07 ($ '000)	2008 ($ '000)	% Change	2007 ($ '000)	2008 ($ '000)	% Change
	206,640,576	11,556,316	74.0%	12,894,303	21,398,570	66.0%
Crude oil	6,145,675	6,726,179	9.4%	13,193,162	14,692,833	11.4%
Natural gas	356,835	628,683	76.2%	613,904	1,055,298	71.9%
Wheat (other than durum wheat), and meslin	95,420	682,071	614.8%	157,296	1,012,150	543.5%
Sulphur	406,057	495,984	22.1%	830,891	964,230	16.0%
Polymers of ethylene nes, in primary forms	197,921	282,272	42.6%	660,789	948,452	43.5%
Propane, liquefied	207,385	361,762	74.4%	404,352	760,226	88.0%
Low erucic acid canola	302,815	321,746	6.3%	575,412	730,182	26.9%
Ethylene glycol	239,084	242,248	1.3%	491,739	495,981	0.9%
Polyethylene having a spec gravity of =>0.94	357,287	194,541	-45.6%	661,880	401,833	-39.3%
Nickel, unwrought	177,728	196,683	10.7%	387,220	365,056	-5.7%
Meat of bovine animals, boneless, fresh or chilled	165,484	216,078	30.6%	273,848	336,691	22.9%
Heavy oils (not crude), e.g. diesel	146,356	162,323	10.9%	308,625	320,036	3.7%
Chemical woodpulp, coniferous	125,733	184,318	46.6%	236,339	307,483	30.1%
Parts for boring or sinking machinery, nes	149,182	153,070	2.6%	292,913	289,034	-1.3%
Low value and confidential commodities	136,867	112,843	-17.6%	350,180	287,356	-17.9%
Bovine animals, live, nes	104,047	155,771	49.7%	216,783	283,852	30.9%
Chemical woodpulp, non-coniferous	150,610	151,959	0.9%	285,539	272,885	-4.4%
Styrene	104,867	140,219	33.7%	211,708	258,059	21.9%
Urea	98,908	161,591	63.4%	201,915	255,535	26.6%
Anhydrous ammonia	113,201	120,917	6.8%	188,179	233,392	24.0%
Bituminous coal	115,728	124,539	7.6%	217,556	216,468	-0.5%
Pipe/oil line, >16", iron/steel, long sub arc weld	106,560	116,626	9.4%	176,079	192,769	9.5%
Canola/colza oil & fractions, low erucic acid, crude	75,537	91,688	21.4%	137,845	175,581	27.4%
Cobalt, unwrought	56,175	91,165	62.3%	87,881	171,745	95.4%
Durum wheat	45,669	68,775	50.6%	127,865	167,474	31.0%
Acyclic hydrocarbons, saturated	72,392	81,585	12.7%	139,063	165,733	19.2%
Ethylene, propylene, butylene and butadiene liquified	21,041	75,085	256.8%	45,948	162,371	253.4%
Barley	129,208	90,850	-29.7%	234,426	159,512	-32.0%
Coniferous wood sawn > 6mm thick	42,831	63,319	47.8%	111,971	146,076	30.5%
Boring or sinking machinery, not self-propelled	46,446	69,056	48.7%	105,718	143,196	35.5%
Polyethylene having a spec gravity of <0.94	58,433	54,475	-6.8%	98,458	123,834	25.8%
Air/gas pumps, compressors and fans, nes	37,939	66,900	76.3%	71,388	121,604	70.3%
Malt	52,935	64,209	21.3%	110,458	113,196	2.5%
Turbopropellers, not exceeding 1,100 Kw	53,518	60,282	12.6%	95,249	111,134	16.7%
Semichemical woodpulp	65,245	38,882	-40.4%	126,773	106,231	-16.2%
Acyclic hydrocarbons, unsaturated nes	61,664	54,853	-11.0%	117,156	104,914	-10.4%
Potatoes, prepared, frozen	30,666	53,555	74.6%	55,639	99,296	78.5%
Machines/mechanical appliances w. individual function	68,860	43,219	-37.2%	119,162	98,984	-16.9%
Light petroleum oil preparations, e.g. motor gasoline	21,582	35,810	65.9%	63,291	91,307	44.3%
Butanes, liquefied	44,496	24,209	-45.6%	102,136	86,315	-15.5%
Surveying instruments and appliances, nes	49,189	34,754	-29.3%	97,133	80,096	-17.5%
Taps, cocks for pipes, vats incl. thermo control	23,341	40,420	73.2%	47,508	76,756	61.6%
Canola/colza oil & fractions, low erucic acid,nes	42,049	39,436	-6.2%	92,771	75,035	-19.1%
Pork, nes, frozen	35,694	39,592	10.9%	68,945	74,534	8.1%
Engine and motor parts, nes	25,967	38,479	48.2%	46,460	73,939	59.1%
Canola oilcake & low erucic acid, nes	26,866	36,021	34.1%	55,966	67,268	20.2%
Ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers, primary forms	41,592	31,390	-24.5%	60,876	63,776	4.8%
Reciprocating positive displacement pumps, nes	15,503	37,618	142.7%	37,100	63,619	71.5%
Petroleum bitumen	39,303	38,325	-2.5%	73,791	62,046	-15.9%
Parts of pumps for liquids	17,928,466	24,952,692	39.2%	36,361,588	49,063,940	34.9%
TOTAL ABOVE	19,936,042	27,020,148	35.5%	40,464,862	52,937,566	30.8%
TOTAL						

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